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[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture - Research - Three year programme of research 1944-47 Report for the half year ending 31-7-45 - papers recorded.

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Development Department.

D.O.No.64022 AII/47 dated 24th November, 1948.

(My dear Sundaram)

Sub: Agri - Research - Three year programme of Research 1946-47 - Reports for the half year ending 31-3-1948.
Ref: Mr. Sivaraman's letter No.X.3.960/47 dated 30-3-48 and 2-5-48.

I am directed to state that the Government are inclined to think that from the reply furnished to Government Memo. No. 64022 AII/47-4 dated 19th February 1948 that there is at present practically very little effective control or supervision over the work of the research officers. The Government attach much importance to the research work done on the scientific side of the Agricultural Department. The members of the Research Counil are not naturally critical on the work of their colleagues. The review of the Research Council on the work turned out every half year received by Government in the past is this more a synopsis or summary of the report of the Research officers than an assessment of the progress of the work. This is a commentary on how much research work is controlled. I am to observe in this connection that the best way of ensuring useful work in the Three Year Programme of work of 1947-50 is a strict post mortem of the work turned out during 1944-47. ~~basis~~, I am therefore to request you to undertake it and also closely watch the progress of research work and assess critically in your future half yearly reports the progress and quality of work turned out by the Heads of research sections. It should be started in particular what results were obtained during the period under review ~~which~~ where it would be practical benefit to the agriculturists and steps taken by the Department to put across the results of research to the cultivators.

Yours sincerely,

Sd...
20-11-48.

To
R.M.Sundaram, Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S., Director of Agriculture.

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To A.S.

Under the existing orders the Heads of Research sections in the Agricultural Department prepare a programme of work for ~~xxxxxxxx in the~~ three years at a time. The Research Council at Coimbatore which comprises of the Heads of sections approves the programme of work and also reviews the progress achieved against the background of the approved programme once in ahlf year. With a view to raise the level of research, the Government have also laid down that a critical review of the progress of research should be made independently by the Director of Agriculture (or by the Headquarters Deputy Director of Agriculture in charge of research) in addition to ~~x~~ the review of the Research Counil and that a copy of this review should also be submitted to Government.

The Director of Agriculture has submitted in this file the following reports in respect of the three year programme of work for 1944-47

(i) Details of work done in the various research stations for the half year ending 31-3-1947.

(ii) Review of the Research Council thereon

(iii)The review by the Director of Agriculture.
On examination of the above reports it was felt that the review by the Director of Agriculture at page 5-11 c.f. could hardly be called an assessment of the progress of work by the Research Officers. The Director of Agriculture was therefore requested in the memo at page 17 c.f. to submit a report showing the following points in respect of each section.

1. The programme of work for the period under review indicating whether a particular item is a new work ~~by the Research Officers. The Director of Agriculture was therefore~~ or continuation of an old one.
2. object of the programme.
3. Work actually done and results achieved.
4. Whether the results were putforward to ryots and how they are expected to benefit them and
5. Explanation of the Research Officer in cases where programme of work was not covered and results not obtained. The Director of Agriculture was informed that the report should also contain the remarks of the Director of Agriculture how far the programme was followed deligently, what were the notable results put forward to the ryots, why more work was not done how work should be improved and the steps taken by the Director of Agriculture to improve the quality and quantity of work. The Director of Agriculture was also asked to state categorically whether the work of the research sections when boiled down has resulted in any achievements major or minor, beneficial to the ryots. The Director of Agriculture's reply at page 19.c.f. may be perused. The Director of Agriculture states that the three year programme of research for the period 1947-50 is under scrutiny and that the instructions mentioned at A on page 4-5 above will be followed in the review of the new programme and half yearly reports that are to be submitted hereafter by the Research Officers. The Director of Agriculture is of the view that it is not possible to indicate now new and old items of work at the end of the three year period. With reference to 'B' above, the Director of Agriculture draws the attention of Government to the consolidated summary of progress reports of each section during 1944-47 and the review of the Research Council on the consolidated report which is in a running form. The Director of Agriculture states that note submitted by him at page 3-5 c.f. in the L.F.with the report of the sixth half year ending September 1947, is a review on the work done during the entire period 1944-47 and contains information of all results of practical value achieved in each section that will directly benefit the ryots and the action taken by him to pass them on to the cultivators. The Director of Agriculture also points out that steps are also being taken to raise the level of research in the department by drawing the attention of the officers to specific items that require intensification or reorientation while reviewing

their annual reports and other reports as they are received. In the circumstances stated by the Director of Agriculture the papers may perhaps be recorded. For orders.

The Director of Agriculture's reply at page 19 c.f. to our searching memo. on page 17 c.f. is most disappointing. It only indicates that there is no control of research. I think the attention of the new Director of Agriculture may be drawn D.O. to the importance of the matter.

Sd....
17-9-48.

I agree.
I am afraid all our
research sections are
resting on their oars.
K.M.
22-9-48

To A.S.

The notes from page 4 ante may be perused. The Director of Agriculture has since submitted the first half yearly progress reports for the half year ending 30-3-48 in respect of the programme of work for 1947-50. In his review on the report, the present Director of Agriculture has observed interalia that his predecessor Mr. M.S. Sivaraman called for a meeting of the Research Council and discussed the 3-year programme of each of the sections and impressed on the Experts the need to accelerate the tempo of research. The report has been examined in the top file. A draft D.O. to the Director of Agriculture is submitted for approval. After issue the papers may be recorded.

Sd.... 20-11-48.
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